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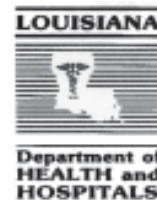
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Dear Citizens of Louisiana:

I am pleased to present the 2004-05 Louisiana School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) Annual Services Report. This report provides details on the various reasons students visited the health centers as well as the many accomplishments of the SBHC staff and students.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated Southern Louisiana in August and September respectively. As evacuees from affected areas relocated all over the state and country, SBHC staffs across the state worked in conjunction with local medical and social service agency personnel to assist nearly 1400 evacuated students and their families with their needs, in addition to serving the students already in their charge. It is with the help of these caring professionals that Louisiana will rebuild, stronger than ever.

In 2004-05, the Department of Health and Hospitals funded 54 operating SBHCs in 23 parishes providing access to services at 87 schools. The Rapides Foundation and the Health Resources and Services Administration's Bureau of Primary Care continue to fund two additional SBHCs. These 56 SBHCs provided access to physical and mental health services to over 50,000 children. It should be noted that the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program at OPH conducted its five-year needs assessment this past year. Access to mental health, substance abuse, and health services were found to be the top three needs of Louisiana youth, again supporting the need for more SBHCs.

Many exciting things have happened in Louisiana surrounding the Governor's Health Care Reform Panel that support the mission of the SBHCs. Beginning this coming school year, legislation will take effect to only allow the sale of healthy snacks and beverages in elementary and middle schools and requires that at least half of the snacks and beverage options in high schools be healthy. We anticipate that this will assist the SBHCs in their efforts to decrease childhood obesity.

Louisiana is working very hard to improve the health outcomes for our children and adolescents. SBHCs present an avenue for providing health care to one of our most vulnerable populations and we are proud of the work the providers and staff of the SBHCs are doing.

Sincerely,

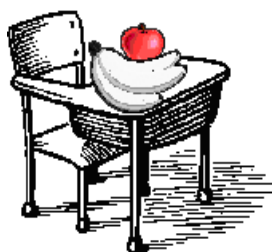
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Executive Summary

In 1990, the Adolescent School Health Initiative Act was signed into law. This authorized the Office of Public Health to facilitate the establishment and fund SBHCs throughout Louisiana. The strides made over the past 15 years led to the implementation and success of 56 SBHCs statewide, two of which are independently funded, one by the Rapides Foundation, the other by the Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Primary Care.

School-Based Health Centers are essential to many of Louisiana's youth as they provide access to quality comprehensive physical and mental healthcare to nearly 50,000 students, who would otherwise be without such care. In addition to providing a convenient location, which allows students to receive complete healthcare services while eliminating the need for school and work absences, they are also LaCHIP assistor sites. As La CHIP assistor sites, the SBHCs have assisted in reducing the amount of uninsured children throughout Louisiana.



SBHCs provide the following services to their student patients: preventive health care, physical examinations, immunizations, laboratory tests, prescription medications, case management for chronic diseases (such as diabetes and asthma), mental health services, care for acute illness or injury, and referral services.

Section One-Program Highlights and Overview takes an in-depth look at SBHCs, including the history, locations, highlights, standards governing the operation, continuous quality improvement, and the SBHCs Best Practice Guidelines.

Section Two-Who Visits a School-Based Health Center and Why showcases the many reasons why students visit the SBHC. Visits are further broken down to account for gender, grade, race, and geographic location.

Section Three-Louisiana School-Based Health Center Profiles details each SBHC in depth. This section provides information specific to each SBHC in Louisiana including how many students registered and visited the SBHC, what ailments were most commonly seen at each SBHC, and the community partners for each SBHC.

Appendices A-C offers (A) examples of diagnoses regularly seen in the SBHC; (B) the text of the state law that created the program; (C) and the financial statement for the Adolescent School Health Initiative for state fiscal year 2004-2005.

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